



Veterans' Affairs Committee
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Veterans' Affairs Committee MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Veterans' Affairs Committee was called to order by Dr. Lester Potts, Chairperson, on Wednesday, October 11, 2006, at 7:00 p.m., in the Mayor and Council Chambers, City Hall, 255 W. Alameda St., Tucson, Arizona.

1. Call to Order/Establish a Quorum

Members Present:

Dr. Lester Potts, Chairperson
Bernard McCaffery
J.L. "Pepe" Mendoza
Herbert Rogers
Aaron Possien
Norman Ross
E. Wendell Hague
C.M. Stevens

Members Absent:

Louis Romero
Donald Alff
William Burks
Joseph McLeese
Ralph Armijo (non-voting member)

Others Present:

None

Representing:

American Legion Post #36
American Legion Post #73
DVA S. AZ. VA Health Care System
Spanish Trail Chapter NCOA
The Order of the Silver Rose
Tucson Jewish War Vets Post #201
VFW Post #549
Veteran's Employment & Training

Representing:

American Legion Post #59
American Legion Post #7
DAV Cactus Chapter #2
Fleet Reserve Assoc. Branch #176
AZ. Dept. of Veterans' Services

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Aaron Possien

3. Invocation

The Invocation was given by Chairperson Potts

4. Introduction of Guests

There were no guests in attendance

5. Approval of New Members

There were no new members

6. Chairperson's Report on Current Events: For the Good of the Order

No report was given

7. Approval of Minutes – September 13, 2006

Motion by Marty Stevens, duly seconded, and carried with no objections, to approve the minutes of September 13, 2006 as presented.

8. Operation Exodus 2006 Planning/Action Update

Norman Ross gave an overview of the Operation Exodus process. He reported that goods and donations were needed from local organizations for the bagging process that would take place at VFW Post 549. Mr. Ross said Post 549 would also store the donated items until the Operation Exodus took place.

9. Veterans' Day Parade Planning/Action

Chairperson Potts reported the Veterans' Day Parade would be held on November 11, 2006. A convertible large enough for four or five people would be provided to the Committee from Jim Click.

10. Nam Jam Discussion/Action

Aaron Possien updated the Committee on the Nam Jam event to be held October 22, 2006 from 8:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Kennedy Park. He said all veterans were welcome and the donation of one can of food was being requested for admission. He also passed out flyers from the Order of the Silver Rose for the "Fun Run" to the Nam Jam event.

11. Committee Reports – Discussion/Action

a. Airport Military Lounge

No report was given

b. Arizona Department of Veterans' Services

No report was given

c. V A Hospital

“Pepe” Mendoza passed out several flyers. He noted that flu season was approaching and offered information on flu shots for eligible veterans. He reported on the level II polytrauma center at the Southern Arizona Veterans’ Hospital and provided an article from Time Magazine on how Veterans’ Administration Hospitals became the best. Mr. Mendoza also announced there would be a “Stand Down” on October 20, 2006 at the Army Reserve Center at 1450 East Silverlake Road.

d. Financial Report

Wendell Hague provided the Financial Report for the period of September 2006.

12. Future Agenda Items

- Operation Exodus
- Veterans’ Day Parade

13. Salute to Colors

Herbert Rogers led the Salute to Colors

14. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.